

H. E. CUMMER, EDITOR

Feb. 22—Albertas-Buffalos.
Feb. 24—Rambler-Brita.
Feb. 26—Rovers-Mumma.
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Wainwright

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WAINWRIGHT

A FAR REACHING FARMERS' MOVEMENT

Toronto Star: The Alberta Farmer's Association and the Canadian Society of Equity, with headquarters in the same province, have united their forces, and the Edmonton Journal credits its combined organization with 5,000 members. The Grain Growers' association of Manitoba and Saskatchewan have under consideration a proposal looking to union with the new Alberta organization, and press reports from the west indicate that the proposal is likely to be adopted. It would be but a step further to bring about the consolidation of the two western organizations with the Grange, which latter, though holding a dominion charter, is practically confined to Ontario. If all three organizations do unite, a further extension of the work, so as to take in Quebec and the maritime provinces, would be a natural consequence. If that is outlined is carried into effect, and the probabilities point in that direction, the farmers of Canada will have the means of giving effective expression to their views both at Ottawa and the several provincial capitals. That the chief purpose of such an organization will be to make the influence of the farmers felt in the shaping of legislation is already apparent. The Dominion Grange has of late years given almost its entire attention to the consideration of questions of legislation more directly affecting farmers, and at the late convention of Western Grain Growers and of the Alberta organization, the public ownership of elevators and the tariff were among the chief topics of discussion. Furthermore, the Grain Growers' association are reported to have arranged for something that has heretofore been considered almost beyond the power of a farmers' organization, viz., the maintenance of a legislative agent at Ottawa during the present session.

The movement now under way is one that must command the careful attention of legislators. It is also calculated to cause serious misgivings among those who have lately arranged for the maintenance of a different sort of a lobby at Ottawa—one to press for an increase in the duties already maintained for the benefit of the protected interest.

COYOTE BOUNTY

Provincial Government Has Resumed Payment

The coyote bounty which was put on through early months of last year, and continued until the appropriation was expended, has been put on again, and it is expected will benefit the farmer in every section of the province, as it undoubtedly did last year. The bounty of the timber wolves has been on since last September. Each year a large sum is expended for this purpose, the government being anxious to rid the country of these pests of barnyard and stockyard. Until they are exterminated, the Alberta farmer cannot profitably take up sheep raising, and each year he suffers depredations in his stockyard or poultry-yard. Last year's expenditures on bounties was about six times more than the previous year, and sixteen times as much as the territorial government paid in 1905.

Year	Government	Amount
1905	(Paid by Territorial Government)	\$1000.00
1906	(Paid by Alberta Government)	1800.00
1907	(Paid by Alberta Government)	4028.00
1908	(Paid by Alberta Government)	\$2700.00

Said a poet to an unfortunate speculator: "Don't you think that the opening lines of Tennyson's little poem, 'Break, break, break,' are plaintive and sad?" "Yes," was the melancholy reply. "But I think that 'Break, break, break,' is a good deal sadder."—Current Literature.

THREE DAYS

So much to do, so little done!
Ah! yesterday I saw the sun
Sink beamless down the vaulted
gray—
The ghastly ghost of Yesterday.

So little done, so much to do!
Each morning breaks on conflicts new;
But eager, brave, I'll join the fray,
And fight the battle of To-day.
So much to do, so little done!
But when it's over—the victory won—
Oh! then, my soul, this strife and sorrow
Will end in that great glad To-morrow.

MUST HAVE CLEAN BILL

Hamilton Spectator: The state of Oregon will soon have a new law requiring bills of health from men and women applying for marriage licenses, signed by properly qualified medical practitioners. If this law is rigidly enforced there should be a decided improvement in the race within a very few generations, at least as far as the Oregonians are concerned.

"I can't leave ye thus, Nancy," a good old Scotchman wailed. "Ye're too auld to work, an' ye couldn't live in the almshouse. Gin I die, ye maun marry another man, wh'll keep ye in comfort in yer auld age."

"Nay, nay, Andy," answered the good spouse; "I could no wed another man for what wad I do wi' twa husbands in heaven?"

Andy pondered long over this, but suddenly his face brightened.

"I hae it, Nancy," he cried. "Ye ken auld John Clemmens. He's a kind man, but he is na a member o' the kirk. He likes ye, Nancy, an' gin ye'll marry him, twill be all the same in heaven—John's an' Christian."—Success Magazine.

FOR SALE

Cheap, one two-roomed shack or to rent. Also pair of ponies harness and buggy.
Wainwright Trading Co.

NOTICE

The furniture and fixing of restaurant of N. S. Finn are now the property of, Ma Sam Wainwright.

FOUND

A watch with a C. T. P. bridge over the Battle River, probably dropped by party who played the Park fire guard. Owner may have same by giving property and paying expenses.
John Thompson
Bridge View Ranch
Gulliver

SOUTH AFRICAN, SCRIP FOR SALE—Cash or Terms with good acceptable security. Write
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Parties selling out and wishing to dispose of well bred hardy cattle with at the expense and risk of notes or trouble of an auction, should send correct description and lowest price to
JOHN THOMPSON, Bridge View Ranch, GILLISTON, P. O. G. T. P. R., crossing Battle River.

The Palace Billiard Hall

Four of the best billiard and pool tables in town.
Good stock of cigarettes, tobacco and cigars.

Come in and hear the music.
Good barber shop in connection.

McCann & Williams
Proprietors

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Real Estate and Business Broker
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I have investments to offer anyone with capital, small or great, that are second only to Hudson's Bay Co. or Standard Oil. I do a strictly brokerage business. See me for best locations to place your money in to get results. There is no other divisional point on the G.T.P. with a brighter future than Wainwright. Delay means opportunities lost.

Drying and Cartage

Having purchased the cartage business of V. Graham, I am in a position to do all work in this line.
Prompt service.
Reasonable charges.

J. REID

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Having started a livery stable in Smith's barn, I solicit a share of the public patronage.
Charges reasonable.
Satisfaction guaranteed.

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We will give prompt attention to all orders for Coal or Wood. Prices are reasonable.

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Boost Your Town and You
will Boost Your Business

That's what we are trying to do. For Drugs, Drug Sundries, Photographic Supplies, Stationery, etc., go to

The Wainwright Pharmacy

G. C. Logan, Manager

FURNITURE

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LOWEST PRICES, CONSISTENT WITH QUALITY

W. SMALL & COMPANY

Furniture Dealers and Undertakers

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Opposite the Post Office

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Quality, Quantity and Low Price

Are three of the many good reasons that separate us from all competitors.

Coast fir flooring, 3, 4 or 6", per M. \$20.00

No. 1 Coast fir, v. joint, per M. 23.00

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And everything else accordingly.

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The Imperial Lumber Co., Limited

T. G. Cook, Manager

ADVERTISE IN THE STAR

EXTRA SPECIALS

We have some Sheep-Lined Coats on hand yet. But would sooner have the money paid for them. They cost a little less than \$9.50. That amount takes a coat.

We are in the same position regarding mackinaw suits and sweaters.

You can positively have these goods at cost, as we don't want to carry them over and have no room to do so if we wished to

TOBACCOS, CIGARS AND CIGARETTES

NORMAN CULP

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THE MEN'S STORE

Merchants Bank of Canada

Established 1864 Head Office, Montreal

Paid up Capital, \$ 6,000,000 Reserve Funds, \$ 4,000,000
 Total Deposits, \$1,327,872 Total Assets, \$5,508,025
 This institution is one of the oldest and best known
 Chartered Banks doing business in Canada. Having 122
 Branches, extending from Quebec to Victoria and most
 satisfactory arrangements at all other points, it has ex-
 ceptional collecting and exchange facilities.
 Savings Departments at all Branches. Deposits received
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Wainwright Branch H. G. Morrison, Mgr.

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Kind us with some lines of white goods. We don't wish to
 carry over. To get them off our hands we will give a special

20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

at our regular prices on Sheep-Lined Coats, Underwear, Gar-
 mens, Sox, Mittens and Heavy Rubbers.

Wainwright Trading Co.

Opposite Myers' Station

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We are agents for the celebrated
 International Harvester Co.
 Cockshuff Plow Co.

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Office and Warehouse, South Livery Barns Wainwright

**Wainwright Flour and
 Feed Company
 Wholesale and Retail**

We will always have a Complete Stock of Flour, Chop, Bran,
 Shorts, Oats, etc., also a Full Line of Breakfast Foods. We
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 you wait. Best prices paid for Grain.

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Address all Communications to—

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Manager

Greenshields Store

The One Price to All. All the Time.

As we, the undersigned, have taken
 over the business of Greenshields Gen-
 eral Store, we solicit a share of your
 patronage. We guarantee our goods to
 give first class satisfaction and prices
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Successors to Shannon & Nellis

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Published every Friday morning at Wainwright, Alberta.

Subscription, \$1.00 per year in advance. To
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 Legal Advertising 10c per space line. For-
 eign lines 15c per line.

H. E. CUMMER

Editor.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1909

COMMENT

Wainwright will shortly be
 incorporated. Have you any
 desire to serve on the first coun-
 cil?

The grain conference at Cal-
 gary last week, passed strong
 resolutions, asking the govern-
 ment to build elevators.

Postmaster Culp has taken
 hold of his duties in a business-
 like manner and has already in-
 stituted many needed reforms.

Gilbert Parker says the em-
 pire's newspaper men are "min-
 isters of education." He might
 have added, "without portfolio
 or salary."—Calgary Herald.

A Workmen's Compensation
 Act has been brought before
 the Manitoba House. The bill
 is modelled on the Alberta Act,
 which has given such general
 satisfaction.

The provincial elections will
 likely take place in the near
 future. It is freely predicted
 that the government will ap-
 peal to the country before the
 snow disappears.

Hon. C. W. Cross is coming in
 for well-deserved congratulations on
 the success of the late election.
 he has instituted in this prov-
 ince. Mr. Cross has made good.
 —Calgary News.

The announcement that the
 Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors
 will arrive here shortly to com-
 mence work on the line to Cal-
 gary, should make business af-
 fairs "hum" here this month.

With the issue of February 4,
 the Hardisty Enterprise sus-
 pended publication. In his fare-
 well, J. G. Turgeon, the editor,
 thanked his friends for the sup-
 port which he had received.
 We will miss the Enterprise
 from among our exchanges.

The bounty has again been
 placed on coyotes and wolves by
 the Alberta government. This
 bounty should be made perman-
 ent throughout the year and
 placed at such a figure that it
 will become profitable for the
 hunters and trappers to spend
 their spare time destroying the
 pests. As it is, the govern-
 ment's action is deserving of
 commendation.

The Battle River Liberal As-
 sociation displayed good judg-
 ment when they decided to in-
 struct their delegates to vote
 for H. Y. Pawling, the president
 of the association, at the party
 convention to select a candidate
 to contest the new provincial
 constituency, of which Wain-
 wright will be the centre. Mr.
 Pawling is a man of strong per-
 sonality and has at all times the
 courage of his convictions. If
 Mr. Pawling should be selected
 as the standard bearer and el-
 ected, he may be depended upon
 to work for the best interests of
 the entire district.

That Wainwright is receiving
 a great amount of attention
 throughout the country was
 shown most conclusively on
 Friday night at the Board of
 Trade, meeting by the large
 number of inquiries which have
 been received by the secretary.

Sir C. Lucas, of the British
 Colonial office, will pay Aus-
 tralia an official visit. He will
 come back by way of Canada,
 but not in an official capacity.
 He will be "shown" just the
 same.—Calgary Herald.

The town of Melrose, Sask., is
 one of the newest in the west
 but by no means the slowest. It
 has a bunch of boosters well on
 to their job. A young chap in
 Winnipeg has been engaged to
 write "items" for the news-
 papers, and the editors on the
 western papers are once or
 twice a week receiving a para-
 graph or two pointing out the
 great prospects for Melrose.
 The items are being published,
 too, because they are newsworthy.

A certain member of the
 British government, who was
 admittedly a great failure, was
 being discussed by two of his
 colleagues.

"And now," concluded one,
 "they want to make him a peer."

"No," said the other with
 greater acumen: "they want
 to make him disappear."

A cavalry sergeant at a west-
 ern post had endured the stupi-
 dity of a recruit for many days.
 One day the "rookie" was thus
 greeted when he had violated
 this sergeant's orders:

"Say, don't ever come at the
 horses from behind without
 speakin' to them!" exclaimed the
 sergeant. "They'll be kicking in
 that thick head of yours! Then
 the first thing you know there'll
 be a lot of lame horses in this
 squadron."—Harper's Weekly.

WHO

Toronto News: And who is
 there better able to pick out
 suitable Ontario wives for Al-
 berta farmers than the secre-
 tary of the Toronto board of
 trade?

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS
 Denwood School District No. 1658

NOTICE is hereby given that
 all taxes are now overdue and
 must be paid on or before Feb.
 28, 1909.

By order of the Board,
 H. Y. PAWLING,
 Secretary.

CHURCH NOTICES.**CHURCH OF ENGLAND.**

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, Wainwright,
 Morning Prayer with Eucharist, 8 a.m., 8.30
 a.m., Evening Prayer at 7.30. Choir Prac-
 tice, Wednesday evening at 7.30.

PRESBYTERIAN

SERVICES are held in the Methodist Church
 at 8 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. alternating with
 the Methodist services.

Rev. J. A. JAMES.**METHODIST CHURCH**

Wainwright services in the Methodist
 Church every Sunday, morning and evening
 at 8 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The Presbyterian
 services alternating with the Methodist as
 above.
 Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening
 at 7.30.
 Paxtonville—Sun. at 11 a.m., and every
 alternate Sunday, at the home of Mr. Aaron
 Paxton.
 Greenshields—Sun. at 8 a.m., and every
 alternate Sunday, at the Schoolhouse.
 THOMAS WATKINS, Pastor.

ARCHITECT

E. D. STEPHENSON, Architect, and Archi-
 tectural Engineer, Wainwright, Alberta.

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 at Law, and Solicitor, Wainwright, Alberta.
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 St., first door North Wainwright Hotel.

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 versity. Office: Main Street, over the Wain-
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**First Annual Clearance
 Sale of Winter
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Sheepskin Coats from \$3.50 up
 Overalls from, - 60c up
 Shirts, from - 60c up
 Mitts and Gloves and a few
 pairs of Boots at cost.

S. C. BETTS & CO.

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THE BIG STORE - WAINWRIGHT

**Write the Secretary of the
 BOARD OF TRADE
 For Information About
 Wainwright and District**
**BEHIND EVERY SUCCESS
 IS A PURPOSE**

Yours is to buy the best Goods consistent with price and quality. Ours
 is to see that you are supplied with them. For spring requirements we are offer-
 ing the following well-known lines which speak for themselves:

De Laval Separators, American Field and Hog Fence, Anderson Force Pump, Brantford
 Asphalt and Rubber Roofing, Stephens' Prepared Paints, Moffat's National and McClary's
 Famous Stoves and Ranges, Barb Wire, 2 and 4' point, including the New Alberta. A full
 and well assorted line of General and Builders' Hardware, including Granite and Tinware.

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THE PEOPLE'S HARDWARE

IF ITS HARDWARE.

WE HAVE IT

Pioneer Hardware Store

Corner Main Street and Second Avenue

MR. FARMER

When in town call in and see us about your Fencing Wire and see our sample of the Alberta 2 Point wire, guaranteed 80 rods to the spool

Our car will be in about March 1st. Delivered to you when it suits your convenience.

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GENERAL HARDWARE DEALERS

Now Is the TIME

To get your plans for Spring. Bring your estimates in early and be ready when spring opens

The Fletcher
Lumber Co.
The Lumbermen

Rink Open
For Skating every
night that is fit.
Ladies Free

Subscribe for
THE STAR
\$1 per Year

A SPECIAL SALE

This week of Winter Goods

Ladies' and Children's Underwear, all sizes.
Fancy wool Hoods and Toques
Natural wool Combination Underwear
Natural wool Hose, all sizes

Our new, up-to-date stock will be here shortly. It's coming

The Centrat Store

J. N. BEAUDRY, PROP.

Main Street

Wainwright

J. N. MITCHELL

Architect and Builder

Cottages Built on the Monthly Payment Plan

WAINWRIGHT

ALBERTA

Merchants' Bank of Canada Annual Report

The Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Directors and Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held at noon on Wednesday, December 13th, the President, Sir H. Montagu Allan, in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, C. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Alex. Barnett, R. Campbell Nelles, G. Durnford, Geo. Hague, John Patterson, C. R. Black, A. Brown, M. S. Polov, F. Hague, J. Watson, E. F. Holden, T. E. Merrett, D. C. Macarow and others.

The President appointed Mr. M. Kilbourn, Secretary of the Bank, to act as Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The President then submitted the Annual Report of the Directors, as follows:—

Your Directors beg to submit the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank at close of books on November 30th last, covering the year's business. The net profits amount to \$738,597.19, which is less than those of a year ago, but it will be borne in mind that conditions have been less favorable. Our interest-bearing deposits have grown to a considerably larger sum later, while our call loan funds—nearly \$11,000,000—have likewise greatly increased under a slowing down of trade activity, the latter yielding a substantially less return than at any date for many years back.

After paying the usual dividend of 8 per cent., we have disposed of the surplus earnings by writing down Bank Premises Account \$100,000, contributing \$25,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and carrying forward the balance to Undivided Profit Account, which has now reached the total of \$400,997.94.

All the Branches of the Bank have been duly inspected. We have found it desirable to close the sub-office at Douglas, Ontario, which did not justify being continued. We have opened branches at Melville, Sask., Wainwright, Alta., and in Toronto on Parliament Street.

With reference to the world-wide monetary stringency experienced the past year, bordering at times on panic conditions, without claiming undue prescience, we had early indications of the coming storm and prepared for something of the kind well in advance, so that our course through the growing pressure was made much easier and without stress to our extensive discharging clientele. Menhence a clearer financial outlook has supervened, and we look from this on to a gradual revival of general trade, following upon an excellent crop in the North-West and good prices.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1905:

The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts:	
Have amounted to.....	\$ 738,597.19
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1904, was.....	267,400.75
Making a total of.....	\$1,005,997.94
This has been disposed of as follows:—	
Dividend No. 82, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.....	120,000.00
Dividend No. 83, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.....	120,000.00
Dividend No. 84, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.....	120,000.00
Dividend No. 85, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.....	120,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account.....	100,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund.....	25,000.00
Balance carried forward.....	400,997.94
	\$1,005,997.94

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AT 30th NOVEMBER, 1905:

LIABILITIES	
1.—TO THE PUBLIC.	
Notes in Circulation.....	\$ 4,740,478.00
Deposits at Call.....	\$12,514,502.52
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included).....	25,880,153.87
Deposits by other Banks in Canada.....	2,933,156.29
Balance due to Agents in Great Britain.....	8,412.15
Dividend No. 85.....	120,000.00
Dividends unclaimed.....	805.00
	\$40,197,027.83
2.—TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.	
Capital paid up.....	\$ 6,000,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	4,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	400,997.94
	\$10,400,997.94
	\$50,598,025.77
ASSETS	
Gold and Silver Coin on hand.....	\$ 1,509,822.68
Domestic Notes on hand.....	3,013,220.00
Notes and Cheques of other Banks.....	2,276,482.88
Balances due by other Banks in Canada.....	4,700.00
Balances due Banks and Agents in United States.....	12,025.78
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada.....	\$ 1,957,782.71
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada.....	8,958,351.07
Domestic and Provincial Government Securities.....	10,910,133.78
Municipal, Railway and other Debentures.....	609,071.55
	6,344,224.22
	\$24,740,377.75
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest reserved).....	29,700,022.31
Loans to other Banks, secured.....	480,889.89
Loans and Discounts overdue (less fully provided for).....	86,798.01
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation.....	240,000.00
Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank.....	53,704.88
Real Estate.....	49,398.00
Bank Premises and Furniture.....	1,118,685.03
	17,080.21
	\$50,598,025.77
	E. F. HERDER, General Manager.

The President having invited discussion of the report, Mr. C. R. Black spoke as follows:—

"I would like to say that I am sure all the Shareholders must be very much pleased with the result of last year's business. It is true that we had a slightly better report last year, but when we consider the tremendous upheaval that has taken place across the hub, and the fact that we cannot in this country stand aside from the effects of anything like that, and that our financial affairs, our industries and business generally, are influenced very largely by business conditions in the United States, I think that the report just presented shows that the affairs of this Bank have been managed during the past year with wonderful care and caution. The Directors and the management must have exercised great prudence and at the same time cared for the interests of their clients."

Mr. Geo. Hague said:—
"With regard to the statement just presented, I would say that although the profits are not very large as they were a year ago or such as some other institutions have made, they might have been very much more if extraordinary care had not been taken to keep the Bank in a perfectly strong condition, which is much more important than making great profits. It will be noted that the Bank is in an exceptionally strong position with regard

to its immediately available resources as shown by this statement. They amount to over 50 per cent. of the liabilities."

The Annual Report was then unanimously adopted on the following motion:—

Moved by the President and seconded by the Vice-President, that the Report of the Directors as submitted be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the Shareholders.

The General Manager of the Bank, Mr. E. F. Herder, kindly expressed the hope that the Shareholders may find the report placed before them satisfactory.

The only other matter I have to refer to is the staff, and to testify to the continuing loyalty and devotion of its members to the Shareholders' interests, and to the excellent spirit animating them towards the Bank and one another, and to the good work performed.

Mr. John Patterson and C. R. Black were appointed scrutineers for the election of Directors.

Mr. Geo. Hague moved that the scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as Directors:—

Sir H. Montagu Allan, Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, C. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Charles M. Innes, Alex. Barnett, F. O. Lewis and Bryce J. Allan.

Mr. Hague said:—

"With regard to the names presented, they are the same as last year with one exception, to replace a Director who has resigned to join the directorate of another bank, and I feel sure that they will be satisfactory to you, and I am sure that all the Shareholders are greatly pleased with the result of their efforts." (Applause.)

The President briefly explained that the appointment of Mr. Bryce J. Allan to the directorate was merely temporary, to fill the gap caused by the resignation of Mr. C. R. Hosmer from the Board. He explained that as soon as it was possible to call a full meeting of the Board a permanent director would be elected.

The motion for the election of the Directors by one ballot was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. Campbell Nelles—"I think a vote of thanks should be tendered the President, Vice-President and Directors and to the General Manager and Staff. While I am not one of the oldest, I am not one of the youngest here. I have had an account with this Bank since 1882, and in all that time I have never met with a single word of discourtesy, while my business has always been carefully looked after, and anyone who has met with the attention that I have always received will have no cause for complaint regarding the Merchants' Bank." (Hear, hear.)

The President, on behalf of himself, the Vice-President and Board, and the General Manager, on behalf of himself and the Staff, briefly returned thanks for the meeting's appreciation of their services, after which the meeting adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Directors subsequently held the following officers were re-elected: President, Sir H. Montagu Allan; Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

TO SPEND A PLEASANT HOUR

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ALBERTA POOL ROOM AND BOWLING ALLEYS
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